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During the second and third quarters of 1955, EDIC reappraised its functions and reorganized its subcommittee structure. As it entered the fourth quarter, its efforts were focused mainly on the planning and coordination of commodity intelligence support for anticipated multilateral negotiations. These efforts have included several reports and studies dealing with unlisted commodities which, owing to recent scientific and technical developments, have increased in strategic importance. In addition, both EDIC and one of its working groups have sought to obtain continuing information on trade in commodities which were removed from the International Lists in August 1954.

During this period EDIC has also reestablished a subgroup on East-West trade collection requirements and initiated a project for regular and special reporting and analysis of Soviet Bloc sales of gold in free world markets.

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